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MEMORANDUM FORI FROM: SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT HENRY A. KISSINGER INFORMATION ITEMS

CASTRO COMMENTS ON BLOCKADE: IN A SPEECH SUNDAY, CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO REMAIN ECONOMICALLY BLOCKADED BY THE U.S. FOR AS
LONG AS NECESSARY RATHER THAN GIVE UP ITS SUPPORT FOR PUENTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. HE REFERRED TO THE MEASURES TAKEN BY
THE U.S. TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THIRD COUNTRY TRADING WITH CUBA, BUT CALLED THEM "MEASURES THAT DO NOT CARRY MUCH WEIGHT." IN PEAFFIRMING SOLIDARITY WITH THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, CASTRO SAID THERE CAN NEVER BE IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH CUBA IF IT IS BASED ON THE "RENUNCIATION OF A SINGLE ONE OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES."

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